



Provo Canyon Construction Project Construction is Underway



The Provo Canyon Construction Project officially began on February 11, 2005 when dignitaries took the first swings into the hillside celebrating the onset of construction. The groundbreaking celebration marked the beginning of a successful project. Lt. Governor Herbert, along with Utah County, Wasatch County and UDOT dignitaries, spoke at the event regarding the significant contribution this project will make to both Utah and Wasatch Counties.

Current Construction Activities

Current construction activities include the following work, which will result in nighttime closures and daytime flagging operations with up to 15-minute delays:

- ♦ Excavating the rock face just east of the Deer Creek Dam
- ♦ Laying drainage pipe in the haul road to prepare for the new alignment construction (see right photo)
- ♦ Placing fences and hay bales for Provo River erosion control measures
- ♦ Preparing the top side of the mountain for excavation and stabilization work (west end of project)
- ♦ Installing steel supports for the new Deer Creek Dam spillway bridge



The new road alignment will be constructed where the haul road is currently located.



Provo River

Taking Measures to Protect the Provo River

As the preferred alternative for this project was developed and reviewed through an extensive National Environmental Policy Act (NEPA) process, the alignment underwent numerous changes to minimize environmental impacts.

Many potential impacts have been eliminated or reduced by adjusting the proposed action and avoiding sensitive resources such as the Provo River.

As one of the significant erosion control methods, measures will take place to stabilize the earth minimizing landslides and protecting the river. In addition, crews are placing fences and hay bales along the Provo River to prevent sediment from falling into the river during construction activities. It is important to help protect the Provo River by not disturbing these devices. Openings will be placed along the fence allowing access to the river.

In order to maintain safety for the traveling public and construction crews, the Provo Canyon Project team encourages motorists to slow down in the construction zone and watch for falling rocks. The speed limit is 40 mph between the Sundance turn-off (S.R. 92) and the Deer Creek State Park entrance.

For the latest Provo Canyon Project construction activities, please visit:

www.udot.utah.gov/provo-canyon

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1-888-517-8401